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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Richard Lehman
Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

SUBJECT : Competitive Analysis

1. This memorandum reports on the activities and status of the competitive analysis teams during the week of 13-20 September. Paragraph 4 contains a request for guidance on a troubling security issue.

2. In general the work proceeded normally for the two teams studying the technical problems of ICBM accuracy and low altitude air defense. Two issues arose concerning low altitude air defense:

- The team leader, Dr. Lerch, asked to be on immediate distribution of all reports concerning the pilot who defected to Japan and his aircraft, the MIG-25. After checking this point, I told Dr. Lerch that it was still too early for substantive reporting, but that I would monitor developments to determine what information was being used by the "A" teams, and see that his team was equally informed.
- Dr. Lerch also raised a potential problem that might arise during the week of 27 September, the final week for preparing the initial team draft report. He indicated the likely need for a special courier run between Washington and Los Angeles during that week, because his team is split between the east and west coasts. I have raised this [redacted] and have asked that Mr. [redacted] and I be designated special couriers in case materials have to be transferred outside of the regular courier service.

3. Developments concerning the "B" team studying Soviet strategic policy and objectives are:

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- Dr. Richard Pipes, the team leader, was hospitalized all week for an infection of unknown origin and he will also be unable to travel to Washington during the coming week. I am therefore arranging to have materials made available to him [redacted]

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[redacted] this week, to avoid more than a week delay in his report.

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- In Dr. Pipes absence the rest of the team continued their work, which this week consisted principally of consulting with numerous senior experienced persons in the strategic analytic field, including Paul Nitze, Sherman Kent, George Keegan, Gordon Negus, [redacted] and Andy Marshall.

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